

Nation, and it will help commuters in my district as well as travelers throughout the East Coast.

The second is using the bipartisan infrastructure law funding to improve Amtrak and travel throughout the Northeast corridor.

The third is more oversight over freight railroads nationwide.

The fourth is a promise that I made early on in the Congress to make sure that rail workers finally get the sick time they have earned and deserve. We need to make sure they are operating safely and efficiently across the country.

Again, I thank my colleagues for my selection. I look forward to working with all of them to make these priorities into realities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR RICHARD DAVIS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of my friend, my fellow mayor, Richard Davis.

Richard was first elected to Richmond Hill City Council in 1979. He served there for 10 years. He then went on to be elected mayor in 1989, and he served honorably for 31 years.

During his tenure as city councilman and mayor, the city grew at a tremendous rate. When he first joined the city council, there were around 1,800 people living in Richmond Hill. Today, there are almost 12,000.

Richard made invaluable contributions to his home city through his passion for and commitment to public service. He is credited with helping start the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival and the building of the J.F. Gregory Recreational Park.

Richard's name will always be synonymous with Richmond Hill, and our district will forever be indebted to Richard for his leadership and public service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

ENDING THE ARTSAKH BLOCKADE

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn Azerbaijan's blockade of the Lachin corridor, the only humanitarian lifeline connecting the people of Artsakh to the Republic of Armenia.

For over nearly 2 months, the region's 120,000 Armenians have been denied food, fuel, medicine, and other essentials as a result of this cruel and inhumane blockade.

Azerbaijan's goal is clear, to force the ethnic Armenians of Artsakh from their homeland by imposing conditions

that make life impossible. We must hold Azerbaijan accountable for its aggression. I continue to call on the administration to take immediate steps to end this blockade.

We must end all U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan. American taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing Azerbaijan's constant aggression against the Armenian people.

I continue to stand in solidarity with the Armenian people and the Armenian-American community.

HONORING HOGANSVILLE MAYOR BILL STANKIEWICZ

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of my dear friend and former colleague, Mayor Bill Stankiewicz. Mayor Bill was a staple of Troup County, and he was loved by everyone.

Bill served his community as the city manager, a two-term mayor, and through his involvement on a number of boards, including the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce, the Racial Trustbuilding Initiative, and the Joint Development Authority Board.

He was an extremely dedicated public servant, and he took great pride in doing the tough work to improve his community. As mayor, he worked to reestablish the city's finances during a period of instability, and he proudly worked to relocate and renovate city hall in Hogansville.

When I was the mayor of West Point, I had the privilege of working with Bill on many projects for the greater good of our county and our cities. He was a pleasure to be around.

My heart goes out to his wife, Mary, and the entire Troup County family. Bill will forever be remembered and honored for his invaluable service to his community and to this Nation. He will be sorely missed.

TYRE NICHOLS' DEATH SHOULD BE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, like many of us, I spent the weekend thinking about the savage beating and murder of Tyre Nichols at the hands of five Memphis police officers.

Sworn to protect and serve, they did neither.

Had they honored their duty, Mr. Nichols would be alive with his 4-year-old son, family, and friends.

I am a mother to a 29-year-old son, the same age Tyre was. I have not worried that my sons could die at the hands of police at a traffic stop; a privilege of White mothers denied to mothers whose children are Black.

Black Americans are killed at a rate twice as high as White Americans. A 2019 report found that 1 in every 1,000 Black men between the ages of 20 and 35 can expect to be killed by law enforcement.

We must do more to ensure all of our communities are safe. Pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and find ways to reverse a police culture that sees Black Americans as a threat.

We can respect police officers as we require reform of practices rooted in hatred and violence. Black Americans have waited long enough. We must act.

SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA DISASTER

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, February 1, 2003, was intended to be a day of celebration to welcome back home seven brave men and women from their mission to space.

Instead, that day of intended celebration turned quickly to tragedy when Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated over east Texas upon reentry, an event captured on camera by local medical doctor, Scott Lieberman.

I rise today to honor those seven individuals who lost their lives in pursuit of space exploration and to commend my fellow east Texans who participated in the recovery efforts that followed.

I am proud to represent east Texans, who in the face of tragedy do not hesitate to spring into action, whatever the cause and whatever the need.

Please join me in honoring those astronauts who lost their lives 20 years ago: Rick Husband, William McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Ilan Ramon.

We pray for their loved ones and remember with sympathy all impacted by this disaster.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JOHNNIE PANTANELLI

(Mr. BOWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Colonel Johnnie Pantanelli.

Colonel Pantanelli embodied so many of our values. She fought for freedom, broke glass ceilings, and made sure the next generation of women flew.

Colonel Pantanelli served in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1944 and 1945, and soon after was told her service was no longer needed because the men were coming home.

Instead of quitting, she joined the Civil Air Patrol in White Plains and served as a wartime mission observer searching for German subs.

After the war, Colonel Pantanelli earned her pilot's license and survived